

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: COUILLARD, et al.

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Title: Method and Device for Separating Constituents of a Liquid Feed  
By Liquid-Liquid Centrifugal Chromatography

Group: 1797

Examiner: Therkorn, E.

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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction requirement in the outstanding office action, applicants elect the invention of Group II, including claims 6 and 7, drawn to what the Examiner has characterized as a cell containing apparatus, i.e., a device for continuous separation of the constituents in a liquid solution.

Examination of the elected invention in due course is requested.

The allegation in the Office Action that claim 6 is either obvious over or anticipated by Ito (U.S. Patent No. 4,857,187) is traversed. However, since a formal rejection has not been made, no further discussion is necessary.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.45721X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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